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Requirement for source of [REDACTED] (S).

Background

S/TF is interested in the foreign trade and Balance of Payments position of Czechoslovakia as part of its overall responsibility for Bloc trade. Czechoslovakia has recently been publishing information on its trade turnover which has enabled us to make a lot of progress in this field. There is a new element of confusion being introduced, however, in that Czech data is now being put forth in terms of "parity prices".

Requirement

1. Ask the source if he can supply or obtain the statistical basis of the "parity" prices.
2. In addition to the above, can the source provide information regarding Czechoslovakia's "Balance of Payments?" Whereas commodity trade is known, we need details concerning Czechoslovakia's capital account as well as other items in its current account.

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